

In a democracy it is essential that the marketplace of ideas be allowed to flourish. Just as we, in theory, do not allow one company to monopolize a product, we should not allow a single company to monopolize information. The current climate is a perfect indication of how badly we need independent journalist--not ones that are beholden to some larger marketable purpose. To offer up information sources to a single source would compromise the quality and scope of journalism. This will indeed be a sore loss to democracy.

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